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JAPANESE CLAIM HARBOR IS BLOCKED

Official Announcement That They Were Successful in Sinking Hulks at the Entrance to Port Arthur.

(Associated Press.)
London, Feb. 25.—The Japanese legation today gave out the following official dispatch from Tokio, dated February 25th: "Early in the morning of February 24th four old vessels, escorted by some torpedo boats, were run into the entrance of Port Arthur for the purpose of blocking the mouth of the harbor.
"The object of sinking these vessels was attained, and the officers and crews returned safely."
"Although there is no report regarding our fleet direct from Admiral Togo, no doubt can be entertained as to its safety."
"It is for us a sign of a struggle and one which we intend to avoid. But Japan will spend her last man and will spend her last dollar in order to win. We have no aspirations for aggrandizement, but at the same time we must look to maintain our existence as a nation. We have large political and commercial interests as well as a sacred historical connection with the Korean peninsula. If Korea falls into the hands of any other nation it will be a death-blow to the existence of our empire. We respect the integrity and sovereignty of Korea. We fought China ten years ago solely for the independence of the Korean kingdom. Now we are fighting Russia for the same principle, and more, for the integrity of China as well. If Manchuria falls to Russia, the question of the existence of Korea would be one of but a few days. Russia would take Korea, and that would be a constant menace to our country."

BARON SUYEMATSU'S VIEWS.
Japan is Fighting for the Integrity of Korea and China.
Seattle, Feb. 25.—Baron Suyematsu, of Japan, has arrived here on the Iyo Maru, being en route to London on an important diplomatic mission. In discussing the war he says:
"It is for us a sign of a struggle and one which we intend to avoid. But Japan will spend her last man and will spend her last dollar in order to win. We have no aspirations for aggrandizement, but at the same time we must look to maintain our existence as a nation. We have large political and commercial interests as well as a sacred historical connection with the Korean peninsula. If Korea falls into the hands of any other nation it will be a death-blow to the existence of our empire. We respect the integrity and sovereignty of Korea. We fought China ten years ago solely for the independence of the Korean kingdom. Now we are fighting Russia for the same principle, and more, for the integrity of China as well. If Manchuria falls to Russia, the question of the existence of Korea would be one of but a few days. Russia would take Korea, and that would be a constant menace to our country."
ATTITUDE UNCHANGED.
Japanese-Korean Treaty Does Not Alter Position of France.

OFFICIAL DISPATCH
Regarding Fighting at Port Arthur Has Been Received at St. Petersburg.
St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—6 p. m.—A long official telegram, giving details of the attack on Port Arthur of February 25th, was received this afternoon, and is now in the hands of the military censorship committee.
The correspondent of the Associated Press learned that the attack developed into a general engagement between the Japanese ships and the Russian squadron and forts, which continued for three hours, and resulted in the repulse of the Japanese.
ANOTHER RUSSIAN REPORT.
Says Fire From Japanese Fleet Was to Cover Retreat of Torpedo Flotilla.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—The Rusa this morning publishes the following from Port Arthur, under the date of February 25th:
"On the night of February 24th the Japanese attempted to blockade the exit from Port Arthur bay in order to enclose our fleet concentrated within.
"Under a convoy of torpedo boats and transports, the enemy advanced four freighters, in bulk, at full speed to the gateway, where it was intended to sink the latter vessels, but the manoeuvre was observed on the battleship Retzian, which was standing in the bay before the entrance. The Retzian at once opened fire, and after it the batteries on the Peak and those on the promontory took part.
"As a result the ships with which it was designed to blockade the port were destroyed and their mission rendered unsuccessful."
"According to a wholly unsupported report one Japanese torpedo boat was sunk."
"The cannonade began before 3 o'clock in the morning and continued until 7 o'clock."
"The Japanese fleet, at long distance, answered our fire ineffectively. This evidently was done merely to cover the retreat of their torpedo flotilla."
"The enemy's squadron consisted of ten large vessels and seventeen torpedo boat destroyers, which appeared yesterday about 9 o'clock in the morning manoeuvring in sight of Port Arthur until noon, and then began to withdraw, and disappeared from the horizon in the morning."
"The cruisers Novik, Askold and Bayan put to sea, and after an inconclusive cross-fire returned unharmed."
"The Bishewja Vlodostrov says a telegram has been received from Baron Guibourg, who has a contract for supplying coal to the Russian navy, but whose address is not stated, asserting that twelve armored Japanese ships are now in dock undergoing repairs for the injuries inflicted upon them in their battles with the Russians."
STOPPED BRITISH LINER.
Fired on by Russian Vessel and Afterwards Boarded by an Officer.

Aden, Arabia, Feb. 26.—A Russian torpedo boat destroyer stopped and boarded the British India Company's steamer Mombassa, in the Red Sea on February 22nd. The destroyer fired a gun which the Mombassa disregarded, but a second shot caused the liner to stop. A Russian officer boarded the Mombassa and examined the ship at Kyoto is the reason assigned for the change in the plan. Small interest is manifested in the coming general election. The shadows all political questions. The country is united.

RUSSIAN SQUADRON.
Vessels Which Were Recently at Jibuti Now Anchored Near Suez.
Suez, Feb. 25.—The Russian squadron from Jibuti is reported to be anchored in the Gulf of Suez, 25 miles south of Suez. A torpedo boat destroyer, which already entered the canal bound north, has sailed south again to rejoin the squadron.
STATES AND RUSSIA.
St. Petersburg Paper Says Washington Government, Without Reason, Has Been Unfriendly.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 26.—Novor Vremya this morning publishes a long leading article regarding the relations existing between the United States and Russia. In condemning the unfriendly manifestations against the latter in the United States, the Novor Vremya argues that distinction must be made between the people and the government, and it attributes the agitation in the press to a campaign engineered by the Jews who, it has been said, even talk of building a battleship for the Mikado.
The paper insists, however, that the traditional friendship for Russia occupies a firm position in the American mind and heart, and that the people cannot really prefer the Japanese to the Russians, who never have harmed them. The Novor Vremya on the other hand, contends that without reason the Washington government has been unfriendly to Russia.
But it is held that the article goes on to talk now of ending United States con-

TWO MEN KILLED

The Scaffold on Which They Were Working—Collapsed and Victims Fell 250 Feet.

(Associated Press.)
Chicago, Ill., Feb. 26.—A triple floor scaffold in the dome of the new post office suddenly collapsed this afternoon, carrying fifteen men into the first floor of the building. Scores of policemen and firemen were quickly summoned to clear away the debris, and permit the recovery of the bodies.
The helpless fifteen victims had a sheer descent of 250 feet through space. The men were at work on the big scaffold, finishing up the decorations on the interior of the dome. There is a space beneath extending to the first floor, and it was down this hole, through all the floors, that tons of splintered wood surrounding the men fell with a crash.
About one hundred plasterers and laborers were at work in and about the dome when the accident occurred. The scaffold which fell was one of the largest ever built of its kind in Chicago, and said to have contained a hundred thousand square feet of timber and lumber.
Although ten companies of firemen were soon at work with axes on the wedge-like mass of smashed and splintered timber, the work of recovering the bodies was necessarily slow.
Despite the fact that occupants of adjoining scaffolds declared fifteen men were entangled, the announcement was made later that only two perished in the accident. The announcement was made as the result of a checking up of names by the police.

MARSHAL YAMAGATA.
The Eminent Services of Japan's Great General.
The generals who are leading the Japanese armies against Russia are men who have proved their skill and efficiency. They have seen actual service, and have fought over the very ground where they now meet the Russians. The Emperor to power in 1888. In the following year he visited Russia and France, studying military subjects. In 1872 he became assistant secretary of war—a position which in Japan is always held by a general officer of the army. In the following year he was made lieutenant-general, and two years later secretary of war.
The next year saw Japan in the throes of a fierce civil war. The rebellion was led by her greatest soldier, Field Marshal Saigo—who had with him some 50,000 of her best trained men. The Emperor was compelled to put forth his greatest strength. An Imperial Prince was appointed to the nominal command, but as Chief of Staff Yamagata was the real general-in-chief, and led the forces which crushed the rebellion. Saigo having been slain, Yamagata became the first military man in the empire, and was promoted to the full rank of general.
Being a man of great mental ability, boundless energy and strong personality, he soon became almost as prominent in the political world as in the military. He shared with Marquis Ito the position of greatest influence with the Emperor. He was several times prime minister, and when not in that position always held some portfolio in the cabinet. He never ceased his active share in the development of the army.
When war started with China in 1894 Yamagata was immediately given command of the first army that invaded Manchuria. The rigors of a Manchuria winter speedily reduced Yamagata to such a condition that the Emperor, fearful of losing altogether the services of his ablest officer, called him back to Tokio to act as his chief military adviser.
After the war Yamagata was made a Marquis and the new military rank of Field Marshal was established, to which he was promoted. The active interference of Russia, backed by France and Germany, which deprived Japan of the fruits of her victory, led the government to seek some understanding that would preserve the independence of Korea. Yamagata was appointed special ambassador for this purpose and proceeded to St. Petersburg, where he effected the treaty which was the basis of Japan's latest demands upon Russia. Not trusting altogether to this, Japan proceeded to double her army and greatly increase her navy. Several officers were promoted to the rank of Field Marshal in the army and an equal rank in the navy and organized into a supreme council of war. Of this Yamagata was made chief, a position which he still holds. Considering the season of the year and the fact that he is over sixty-five years old and rather frail physically, it is improbable that he will take the field in person, but in any case he will occupy much the same place in this war that Von Moltke did in the Franco-Prussian conflict.

SHOULD BE READY FOR EMERGENCY
LORD DUNDONALD'S ADVICE TO CANADIANS
Proposes That Dominion Will Have a Citizen Army of One Hundred Thousand Men.

(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 26.—At the annual meeting of the Dominion Artillery Association today Lord Minto complimented the artillery. He said he had been told by Lord Roberts in London that the Canadian artillery was very efficient in South Africa.
Lord Dundonald said that last year he had called attention to certain things that should be done. Within the last two days certain things had been done. He travelled the country from one end of it to the other and he found Canadians willing to serve. There were three ways for an army to be formed: conscription, a paid army, or a citizen army. The object was to get money. He believed when parliament met 100,000 men, which the army of Canada represented on paper, would be made a fact, and due appropriations made for it. He eulogized Colonel McNaughton's book of instructions and endorsed it, and believed no correction should be applied until it was not an old soldier. Lord Dundonald said that recently Canada had an object lesson of a country being prepared for war and the country that wanted two or three weeks to be ready. He advised Canada being ready for emergency.



MARSHAL YAMAGATA.

PANAMA CANAL TREATY.
Ratifications Exchanged Between Panama Minister and United States Secretary Hay.

(Associated Press.)
Washington, Feb. 26.—Secretary of State Hay and Minister Bunan-Varilla at 10:50 o'clock this forenoon exchanged ratifications of the Panama canal treaty at the state department.
At 11:20 o'clock the President signed the proclamation putting the treaty into effect.
MINISTER RESIGNS.
Washington, Feb. 26.—M. Bunan-Varilla, the minister from Panama, today called his resignation as such to the President of the republic.

BURIED IN SNOWSLIDE.
Well-Known Guide Lost His Life in Northern Montana.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 24.—John A. Street, son of Mayor Street, of the city, was overwhelmed in a snowslide in northern Montana a few days ago. Street was with a party of hunters, including Messrs. Redpath and Powell, of Montreal, and was considered one of the best guides in the Rockies. He joined the Mounted Police when fifteen years of age, and was thirty-eight years of age at the time of his death. None of the party was injured.

DWELLING DESTROYED.
Two Men, Aged 75 and 84 Years, Were Burned to Death.

(Associated Press.)
Napierville, Que., Feb. 26.—News has reached here that the residence of Edward Beaudin, of Sherbrooke, was burned last night and Edward and his brother, Narcisse, aged respectively 75 and 84 years, perished in the flames.

BOUNDARY PILLARS DESTROYED.
(Associated Press.)
Peshawar, British India, Feb. 26.—It is reported that the American boundary pillars have been destroyed by Russian agencies.

ROCHESTER SCENE OF CONFLAGRATION

BROKE OUT IN HEART OF BUSINESS SECTION

Buildings Destroyed—Effort to Check Flames—Damage Estimated at Over \$4,000,000.

(Associated Press.)
Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The worst conflagration in the history of Rochester broke out a few minutes before 5 o'clock this morning in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company's store at 150-160 Main street, East. The fire which, according to the night watchman it started, spread with such rapidity that by the time an alarm was turned in the entire front of the store was a mass of flames. The fire department responded promptly. Assistant Chief Jacques realized at once the dangerous nature of the fire and turned in a general alarm.
By this time the flames had spread to the building occupied by the goods store of Beale & Sherburne Company. Chief Little arrived on the scene shortly after the general alarm sounded. He realized that the flames were beyond the control of the local department, and appeals for more fire apparatus were sent to the chiefs of the Buffalo and Syracuse departments.
Nearly five hours later the steamers arrived from Syracuse, and within an hour after being discovered the fire had spread to the big granitic building occupied by the firm of Sibley, Lindsay & Curr, and by hundreds of business and professional men. Flames also spread to the buildings in the rear of the granitic block.
The extreme cold made the fire-fighting difficult and hazardous, as the leaders were coated with ice. Assistant Chief Jacques was struck on the head by a flying nozzle.
The loss is estimated between four and five millions of dollars, most of which falls on the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co., the Beale & Sherburne Co., the Rochester Dry Goods Co., and the Walker Shoe Co. The loss to the business offices in the granitic building cannot be estimated at this writing. The plans and estimates for the mammoth new block at the Sibley, Lindsay & Curr Co. contemplated building in the spring are destroyed. The plans and estimates in the architect's office in the tenth floor.

STILL RAGING.
Rochester, N. Y., Feb. 26.—The great fire that started in the heart of the business district of this city this morning is still raging fiercely. The weather is ideal for fighting the fire, as there is scarcely any wind blowing. Had there been even a moderately high wind, the firemen say nothing could have prevented a repetition of the Buffalo fire. As it is, the firemen are battling under extreme difficulties, as water mains are not working as they should. The extreme cold this winter has frozen up many of the mains, and for the past two weeks the firemen have been engaged in thawing out the pipes. An account of the lack of proper apparatus this work has been slow.
At 7 o'clock Chief Little, and Commissioner of Public Safety Gilman telegraphed to Buffalo, and Syracuse for assistance.

The chief of the fire department at 8:45 said he believed the fire could be kept within the block extending from St. Paul to North streets, unless the wind should change and set fire to the buildings on the south side of Main street. In this event a large part of the residential section would have to go. The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company. A fuse connected with the electrical motor that runs the elevator blew out, and the next moment the flames were rushing up the elevator, and the building wrapped in flames.
At 9 o'clock the fire is burning fiercely although the fire department are sanguine that they can prevent its spreading.
The fire started before many people were on the street, but the news soon spread, and by 8 o'clock there were thousands crowding the scene of disaster. The explosions of dynamite that the firemen used to check the spread of the flames could be heard in all sections of the city, and this noise was supplemented by the thunder of crashing walls. Commissioners of Public Safety Gilman estimates the loss at this hour (9 o'clock) at between five and six millions.
Assistant Chief Injured.
Rochester, Feb. 26.—The fire is reported to have started in the basement of the Rochester Dry Goods Company at 4:30. The fire spread to the Walker Shoe Co., just east to the Rochester Dry Goods Company, and this building is entirely gutted.
At 9:15 Assistant Chief Jacques was severely injured by a fall. His head was cut open. He was removed to the hospital.
So far there has been no loss of life, although there have been several miraculous escapes from falling walls and flying debris.
Estimate of Loss.
Rochester, Feb. 26.—Insurance men now estimate the loss at from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000.

ATTORNEY SHOT.
Murder After Committed Suicide By Blowing His Brains Out.

(Associated Press.)
Buffalo, Feb. 26.—Henry L. Schwartz, of Baker & Schwartz, attorneys, was shot in his private office in the Marine building today, by H. A. Knowles, of Erie. Knowles, after holding the police at bay for a few moments, turned the revolver on himself and blew his brains out. Schwartz died in the hospital at noon.

PORT ARTHUR HARBOR
Will Be Dredged to a Depth of Twenty-One Feet.

(Associated Press.)
Winnipeg, Feb. 26.—The Ontario government has just completed a survey and sounding of Port Arthur harbor, for dredging purposes. The work is in charge of Engineer Temple, of Toronto. It is the intention to dredge a harbor to a depth of twenty-one feet.

THE NEW SPEAKER.
(Special to the Times.)
Ottawa, Feb. 26.—N. A. Bellecourt, M. P., Ottawa, will be the next Speaker in the House of Commons. The appointment has not yet been made, but it has been as good as settled.

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AUSTRIA PREPARES TO INTERVENE

WILL CO-OPERATE WITH RUSSIA IN BALKANS
The Albanian Revolt is Spreading—Turkey Massing Troops on the Frontier of Servia.

astery of the Holy Patriarch and the town of Ipek.
The news that the Turkish government is again concentrating large masses of troops on the Servian frontier has caused great excitement in Belgrade.
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Russia's Note of Protest.
Washington, Feb. 26.—Russia is addressing to the powers a vigorous communication charging Japan with repeated violations of the laws of nations. The

manipulation of the ship was the reason assigned for the change in the plan. Small interest is manifested in the coming general election. The shadows all political questions. The country is united. Manchuria for attempting to blow up the railroad bridge over the Singa river were disguised as coolies. They were arrested just as they were about to attempt an assault. Inquiry revealed that they were Japanese officers and men.

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REPORTED LANDING NEAR VLADIVOSTOCK. The small bodies of mounted Russians who were scouting south of the Yalu river, withdrew to the northward. Storms are interfering with naval operations. The Yellow Sea is being swept by gales, heavy snow falling and the weather is bitterly cold.

JAPS SAID TO BE MOVING TOWARDS KIRIN. The Russians Will Find a Large Force Ready to Meet Them in Korea. Thursday's Attack. St. Petersburg, Feb. 25.—Following the dispatch of Major-General Pflug saying the Japanese had again attacked Port Arthur on Thursday morning and had been repulsed, Viceroy Alekoff has sent in a report to the Czar. The fact that the Japanese have renewed the attack is interpreted here to mean that they are determined to belittle or destroy the Russian fleet at Port Arthur in order to secure themselves freedom for land operations to cut off or invade the city, or at least to cover a movement elsewhere.

London, Feb. 25.—The Tientsin correspondent of the Standard sends in a report from a native source that the Russians have burned a large village near the Sungari river and massacred the inhabitants, including the women, in revenge for an attempt to wreck the Sungari bridge.

War correspondents and Europeans in general are commencing an amazement upon the success of the Japanese in their operations of war, and declare this conspiracy of silence is not only confined to government and service circles, but that it extends to every section of the community. It is undoubtedly in pursuance of this policy that no Japanese account of the Port Arthur attacks have yet been published, and none are expected until Admiral Togo has completed his designs.

In the meantime, if the report of a Japanese landing near Vladivostok, which, at present, is based on missionary and native statements, should prove correct, a most important new development in the Japanese operations will have been revealed, as it points to an attack on Vladivostok.

A report that the railroad has been cut between Port Arthur and Vladivostok may possibly be connected with these operations, but until more reliable information is forthcoming, this report must be received with reserve. It is already reported from Tokio that certain Russian forces were concentrating at Posiet Bay.

Further news of an attack at Port Arthur after the engagement in which the Japanese attempted to block the harbor entrance, has reached London. English newspapers in discussing Viceroy Alexieff's reports incline to the belief that Admiral Togo succeeded in making the channel impassable for large battleships, even if it is still free to smaller craft, and especially that the reported second attack if it did occur was devoted to an attempt to sink further obstacles to navigation.

A special dispatch from Hongkong says the British Admiralty officials are preparing out clothing to the Russian sailors rescued at Chemulpo, Korea, and that the crews of the vessels forming part of the British squadron have given half a day's pay to provide luxuries for the Russian wounded.

Guarding Railway. Peking, Feb. 25.—The director-general of the Chinese railway reports that one hundred Russian infantrymen and officers, gun and large supply of ammunition at Rang Ho, and that 200 Russian cavalrymen and two guns have arrived at Lai-Li-chang. These troops are being sent to the west side of the Liao river. The director-general reports the Manchurian railway is guarded by detachments of Cossacks of 20 men each, who occupy high watch towers at intervals of a mile.

Reported Landing. Ying Kio, Feb. 25.—Natives report that the Japanese have landed at Posiet Bay, and that they subsequently undertook operations against Hunchun and towards Kirin. These have received official confirmation from English missionary refugees who have arrived at Newchwang.

These people say the Russo-Chinese bank has removed from Kirin to Kwang Chong Tai, where commercial interests are seeking safety and defence. The report advances has produced considerable excitement among the European civilians residing in the line of march. It is reported also that the Russian government bureau at Vladivostok has withdrawn to Kharovsk.

Posiet Bay is in Russian Manchuria, about 70 miles southwest of Vladivostok. Hunchun is on the left bank of the Tumen river and about 40 miles to the west of Posiet Bay. Kirin is a big Manchurian town and lies about 220 miles inland, and to the west of Posiet Bay. Kwang Chong Tai is about 80 miles west of Kirin. Kharovsk is about 400 miles to the north of Vladivostok, with which port it is connected by railroad.

Japs Ready. Tokio, Feb. 25.—Three weeks ago it was thought in some quarters that the opening of the war would be speedily followed by a movement of the Russian forces towards the south, Ping-Yang being picked as their objective point. The appearance later of Russian scouts in the vicinity of Wiju tended to confirm this opinion and created the impression that there would be an early conflict in that vicinity. If the Russians ever intended to make this movement they have apparently been beaten by the rapidly moving Japanese.

The latter is said to have a large enough force to check the Russians, thus ensuring the possession of Korea, as

DATES OF ASSIZES HAVE BEEN ARRANGED. Criminal Cases Will Be Held in Victoria on May 4th—Appointments in the Gazette.

According to the current issue of the Provincial Gazette, Francis Kernode, of this city, has been appointed curator of the provincial museum, vice J. Fannin superannuated. The following appointments are also announced: Harry Rice, alderman, and William Oliver Ross, of Nelson, to be members of the boards of licensing commissioners and commissioners of police for the said cities.

John Thomas Armstrong, of Oalla, to be a deputy mining recorder for the Osoyoos mining division, with sub-recording office at Oalla, vice D. Black. Edmund Arthur Atkins, of Coquitlam, to be a Justice of the Peace in and for the county of British Columbia. Francis Henry Shepherd, M.E. of Nanaimo, to be acting inspector of coal mines and acting inspector of metalliferous mines for the Vancouver Island and coast district inspection district, during the absence of the inspector from the said district.

Ernest Melville Anderson, of Victoria, to be assistant curator of the provincial museum. David Withrow, of Victoria, to be caretaker of the provincial museum. Frederick Bascombe, of Vancouver, J. P., to be a member of the board of commissioners of police for the said city, vice Walter Taylor, resigned.

Sittings of the assize court will be held at the court-house at 11 o'clock at the places and on the dates following: City of Vancouver, 15th March, criminal only. Town of Golden, 5th May, civil and criminal. City of New Westminster, 10th May, civil and criminal. City of Kamloops, 10th May, civil and criminal. City of Revelstoke, 6th May, civil and criminal. City of Vernon, 12th May, civil and criminal. City of Nelson, 17th May, civil and criminal. City of Nanaimo, 18th May, civil and criminal. City of Greenwood, 19th May, civil and criminal. Town of Clinton, 25th May, civil and criminal.

Sittings of the Supreme court for the trial of civil causes only will be held at the court-house at 11 o'clock in the morning on the following dates: Victoria, May 1st; Rossland, May 10th; Vancouver, May 17th.

Attention is directed to the notice signed by the chief commissioner of the land and works, and dated 22nd June, 1890, in which all prospectors or purchasers of crown lands from the purchase money remaining unpaid on such lands is over due, are called upon to make full payment of such balance, with interest thereon, if any is due, and further notice is given to all persons who have failed to comply with the requirements of the said notice, if such overdue balances of purchase money are not paid on or before the 15th day of April next, the records or agreements concerning such lands will be cancelled.

Regulations under the "Coal Miners' Regulation Act, 1901," and the "Mines Regulation Act Further Amendment Act, 1904," are published in the Gazette.

The following companies have been incorporated: New Imperial Mines, Ltd., capital \$100,000. Vanast Heating and Plumbing Co., Ltd., capital \$10,000.

"ROSEMARY." Revival of Well Known English Play at The Victoria Next Week.

Quite the most entertaining revival of the New York Empire theatre successes will be seen at the Victoria theatre on Friday, March 4th, when Howard Kyle and a capable company of metropolitan players present "Rosemary," the beautiful English romance of the nineteenth century by Louis N. Parker and Murray Garson.

Very few cities outside of New York have been afforded an opportunity to see "Rosemary," in which both John Drew and Maude Adams scored substantial successes. Mr. Kyle's presentation is similar in every particular of scenic equipment, competent cast and efforts to the Empire theatre production.

Briefly the story of "Rosemary" concerns the love of Sir Jasper Thoroldyke, a bachelor of forty, for Dorothy Cruickshank, the daughter of an old sea captain, who has eloped with one William Westwood, an orphan in the East India service. The couple, whose home having met with an accident, are separated the night in Sir Jasper's house, where Captain and Mrs. Cruickshank are also invited, having met with a similar accident at about the same place. Next morning the day on which Queen Victoria is to be crowned, Captain Cruickshank finds his daughter and her fiancé, but Sir Jasper's diplomacy wins the father's consent to the marriage of the young couple. Meanwhile, Sir Jasper, who has fallen desperately in love with Dorothy, invites the party to London to witness the coronation. Arrived in London, his love is disclosed to her, who gives him a leaf from her diary and a sprig of rosemary, "that's for remembrance."

Professor Jogram, a life-long friend of Sir Jasper, shows the latter his duty to love the young couple, and the curtain falls on a disappointed lover, twice deprived of the girl he loves. Fifty years elapse between the third and fourth acts. Sir Jasper, a man of ninety, is again in London; the little room is old, the panels crumbling and a dusty air pervades the place. The Queen's Jubilee is in progress, and the din and noise outside are not unlike that of fifty years ago during the coronation. Sir Jasper accidentally breaks a pane and discovers a bit of paper and a sprig of rosemary. The paper proves to be the leaf of a diary on which he is barely able to discern the happenings of fifty years ago; the sprig of rosemary recalls the young girl, now dead, the ride to

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London, the elopement and the denouement. Sir Jasper sells the old London house and returns to his country home. As Sir Jasper Thoroldyke Mr. Kyle has a rare and valuable asset to his capabilities as a versatile actor. He has played many and numerous parts such as the title role in "Nathan Hale" and a large repertoire of stock roles, but nothing so subtle or replete with quiet reserve and epigrammatic comedy has yet been interpreted by Mr. Kyle.

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BRIEF TELEGRAMS. Wallace H. Ham, manager of the Boston office of the American Surety Company, of New York, has been arrested, charged with the larceny of \$104,000 of the company's funds.

Charles Fuchs, a well-known St. Loui's horseman, committed suicide by shooting in a room in Gruener hotel, Buffalo, on Thursday.

Father Bouchard, a well-known Jesuit priest and expert electrician, while repairing some wires at St. Mary's College, Montreal, received a shock with fatal results.

A fight occurred at St. Thomas, B. W. I., on Tuesday between sailors from a Spanish vessel and from an American vessel, which resulted in the wounding of several men and an ultimate victory for the Americans. The fight originated when a man from the United States cruiser Columbia jostled a sailor from the Spanish cruiser Rio de la Plata, as he passed him in the street.

The situation in the Balkans is considered in Routhie to have improved from the fact, among other things, that Turkey has ordered seven torpedo boat destroyers from Italian shipbuilders. It is believed she would not do this if she thought serious trouble in the Balkans not to be immediate.

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Notice to Creditors. IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF SARAH HOBBS, DECEASED. Take notice that, pursuant to the "Trustees and Executors Act," all creditors and others having claims against the estate of the above named deceased, who died at Victoria, B. C., on the 30th December, 1903, are requested to send by post, or deliver to the executors, Robert Thompson Clanton, Topaz avenue, Victoria, B. C., Noah Shakespeare, Hillside avenue, in the said city, or to the undersigned, on or before the 5th day of March, 1904, full particulars of their claims, duly verified, and the nature of the securities, if any, held by them. And further take notice that after such last mentioned date the said executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which they shall then have notice, and that the said executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof to any person or persons of whose claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution. And further take notice that all persons from whom moneys were due to the said Sarah Hobbs on or before the 31st day of December, 1903, are requested to pay the same, if not already paid, to the executors within the period above mentioned. Dated at Victoria, B. C., this 1st day of March, 1904. HENRY J. JACKSON & HELMCKER, 20 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C., Solicitors for the Executors.

Notice is hereby given that the creditors of the above named company are required on or before the 25th day of February, 1904, to send their names and addresses and the particulars of their debts or claims and the names and addresses of the solicitors, if any, by their solicitors to come to and prove their said debts or claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, and that any creditor who will be excluded from the benefits of any distribution made before such debts are proved. Dated this 8th day of February, 1904. ARTHUR HOLMES PIOTT, No. 7 Bastion Street, Victoria, B. C.

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WEATHER BULLETIN Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Feb. 26-5 a. m.—One of the most extensive low barometer areas of the season is centred off Vancouver Island.

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Reports. Victoria—Barometer, 29.35; temperature, 40; minimum, 40; wind, calm; rain, .71; weather, rain.

New Westminster—Barometer, 29.34; temperature, 34; minimum, 34; wind, 8 miles E. rain, 18; weather, rain.

Kamloops—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, 30; minimum, 24; wind, calm; rain, .10; weather, cloudy.

Barkerville—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, 29; minimum, 16; wind, calm; snow, trace; weather, snow.

San Francisco—Barometer, 29.04; temperature, 52; minimum, 50; wind, 16 miles E. E.; weather, cloudy.

Edmonton—Barometer, 29.28; temperature, 19 below; minimum, 12 below; wind, 4 miles E.; snow, trace; weather, clear.

TIDE TABLE Victoria, B. C., February, 1904.

Table with columns for Date, Time, Height, and Tide. Rows show high and low tide times and heights for various dates in February.

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor.

Equipments (at Dr. Dock)—From observations during the night of Feb. 25, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Deas.

PASSENGERS

Per steamer Charmer from Vancouver—A. Mate, L. H. Green and wife, E. C. Evans, F. Hathaway, C. T. Hall, C. T. Ansbury, J. A. Anderson, W. G. Richards, N. Wright and wife, E. B. Hart, A. E. Heury, G. M. McClure, D. McPherson, J. Claverie, H. McLean, Miss Welsh, H. Richardson, T. Walton, A. E. Beck, C. H. Pilon, J. B. McCallum, T. Le McArthur, Wm. Ritchie, D. Spencer, S. Lecher, H. E. Marx, W. King, Mrs. Monk, J. Knott, Capt. Fisher, Senator Macdonald, T. M. Martindale, Max Leiser, Miss Goodacre, L. Goodacre, T. Moore, J. Gallagher, Prof. Donough Jonty, M. Dock, D. Marlin, Mrs. Richards, H. Bourne, S. McKay Smith.

CONSIGNEES

Per steamer Princess Beatrice from Seattle—B. B. S. M. Smith, R. S. Brynes, J. St. Clair, Colonel P. & P. Co., Wm. Goffrey, B. C. Furn Co., F. H. S. & Co., Clark & Lea.

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MINING MEN TO SEEK A SOLUTION EXECUTIVE TO DEAL WITH MINERAL TAX

Important Matters Disposed of by Provincial Mining Association on the Closing Up of Convention.

The Provincial Mining Association closed its labors as far as the business of the convention was concerned yesterday afternoon on the anniversary of the organization.

Another feature of the afternoon's meeting was the offer of Hon. Senator Thompson to have a compendium prepared of the geological reports at Ottawa printed at the government printing office for the use of prospectors of the province.

Before another year the association will likely be incorporated, the executive committee being authorized today to take that course.

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Proceeding to the resolutions passed at the convention last year, that favoring the repeal of the two per cent. tax came up for reaffirming.

That the collection by the government of dues in respect of timber and cordwood used by the owner upon his own mines and mineral claims for mining purposes should be discontinued.

Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention the government fee for crown grant of a mineral claim when such grant is applied for by the locator or prospector, should be reduced from \$25 to \$10.

Table listing various locations and their corresponding values or prices, such as Orlala, Poplar, Phoenix, etc.

Table showing financial details including Sundry accounts payable, Expenditure, and various items like By officers' bonds, Exchange on cheques, etc.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 25th, 1904. I have examined the above accounts and find them correct.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, listing items like Office furniture, Cash on hand, Bank of Montreal, etc.

Table titled 'Distribution of Convention Proceedings (Details)', listing items like To express charges, To shipping, etc.

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Smith Curtis thought this was a wise move as the law now passed upon the prospector, diverting, he said that the

mining industry did not wish to avoid taxation. In seeking for the repeal of the two per cent. tax they were not wanting to avoid taxation.

Mr. Hobson said if this was class legislation he was satisfied to come down every year to advance just such legislation. The prospector should be relieved of the fee altogether.

In view of the fact that there is much dissatisfaction amongst the owners of steam boilers as to the provisions of the Boiler Inspection Act, which is claimed to be unnecessary hardship, and since a large number of boilers are in use at the present time, the government and legislature of British Columbia are requested to investigate this act with a view of improving its operation.

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Resolved, That the miners of this branch of the Mining Association of British Columbia, endorse the views taken by our delegate, James Moore, at the convention held at Victoria, February 25th, 1904.

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1	4:10	7.8	8:05	7.1	12:25	8.5
2	4:22	8.0	8:17	7.3	12:37	8.7
3	4:36	8.2	8:30	7.5	12:50	8.9
4	4:51	8.3	8:43	7.6	1:03	9.1
5	5:07	8.4	8:57	7.7	1:17	9.2
6	5:24	8.6	9:12	7.8	1:32	9.3
7	5:43	8.7	9:28	7.9	1:48	9.4
8	6:04	8.8	9:45	8.0	2:05	9.5
9	6:28	8.9	10:03	8.1	2:24	9.6
10	6:54	9.0	10:22	8.2	2:45	9.7
11	7:23	9.1	10:43	8.3	3:08	9.8
12	7:54	9.2	11:05	8.4	3:33	9.9
13	8:28	9.3	11:29	8.5	4:00	10.0
14	9:04	9.4	12:04	8.6	4:29	10.1
15	9:43	9.5	12:41	8.7	5:00	10.2
16	10:24	9.6	13:20	8.8	5:33	10.3
17	11:08	9.7	14:01	8.9	6:09	10.4
18	11:55	9.8	14:44	9.0	6:48	10.5
19	12:45	9.9	15:29	9.1	7:20	10.6
20	1:38	10.0	16:16	9.2	7:55	10.7
21	2:34	10.1	17:05	9.3	8:23	10.8
22	3:32	10.2	17:56	9.4	8:54	10.9
23	4:32	10.3	18:49	9.5	9:19	11.0
24	5:34	10.4	19:44	9.6	9:47	11.1
25	6:38	10.5	20:41	9.7	10:09	11.2
26	7:44	10.6	21:40	9.8	10:25	11.3
27	8:52	10.7	22:41	9.9	10:36	11.4
28	10:02	10.8	23:44	10.0	10:42	11.5
29	11:14	10.9	24:49	10.1	10:44	11.6
30	12:28	11.0	25:56	10.2	10:42	11.7

Zero of above heights corresponds to 11 feet in the fairway of Victoria harbor. The time when the tide is in the fairway of the 120 Meridian west. It is counted from 0 to 24 hours, from midnight to midnight. The height is in feet and tenths of a foot. For time of high water add 14 minutes to H. at Victoria.
 Equipment (at Dry Dock)—From observations during six months. May to October, compared with simultaneous observations continued at Victoria by Mr. F. N. Deaton.

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Item	Amount
Ottala	5 00
Poplar	9 00
Phoenix	18 00
Quesset Forks	4 50
Quesset Lake	10 00
Roseland	150 00
Soda Creek	17 00
Stanley	12 50
Trail	17 50
Trout Lake	20 50
Vancouver	153 00
Vancouver Clearing Ho.	5 50
Yerrom	10 50
Victoria	327 50
Gen. membership	4 00
Sundry accounts payable	\$1,252 48
	283 35
	\$1,069 13
Expenditure.	
By officers' bonds	\$ 30 00
Exchange on cheques	6 75
Distribution of convention proceedings	211 03
Ins.	21 03
Janitor	80 05
Office expenses	222 33
Printing	226 15
Stationery and typewriting	340 00
Stationery	300 00
Stamps	67 54
Telegrams and messengers	125 43
Honorarium, H. Mortimer-Lamb, for work, provis. organization	150 00
Salaries—	
A. L. Helges, secretary	410 83
R. E. Brett, secretary	216 87
Mostyn Williams, assist. secy.	225 00
A. M. Jones	220 00
H. Mortimer-Lamb, treasurer	150 00
Travelling Expenses—	
A. M. Jones, secretary	91 50
Cash in Bank of Montreal, Victoria	878 03
	\$4,054 05

MINING MEN TO SEEK A SOLUTION EXECUTIVE TO DEAL WITH MINERAL TAX.
Important Matters Disposed of by Provincial Mining Association on the Closing Up of Convention.
 The Provincial Mining Association closed its labors as far as the business of the convention was concerned yesterday afternoon—on the anniversary of the organization. During the afternoon several very important subjects came up. The convention reaffirmed its position on all the resolutions affecting remedial legislation passed at last year's meeting, with the exception of two, which have already been incorporated in the statutes. The amendments suggested to the Placer Mining Act as prepared by the executive committee were passed practically as they stood, after considerable discussion.
 A notable feature of the meeting was the address of J. Moore, of Quesnel Forks, the pioneer of placer mining in British Columbia, who gave a most interesting history of the industry. When he concluded the delegates showed their honor to him by rising and singing "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and cheering him.
 Another feature of the afternoon's meeting was the offer of Hon. Senator Templeman to have a compendium prepared from the geological reports at Ottawa printed at the government printing office for the use of prospectors of the province.
 Before another year the association will likely be incorporated, the executive committee being authorized to-day to take that course.
 Upon opening in the afternoon the financial statement was presented as follows:
 Victoria, B. C., 24th February, 1904.
 To the Second Convention of the Provincial Mining Association:
 Gentlemen—Herewith I beg to hand you a statement of your accounts which have passed through my hands since the last convention.
 I have taken the trouble to give them fully in detail, so as to show the direct source from which the cash was received and every channel through which it was disbursed, the vouchers of which have all been passed through the book of your audit and are all on file in your office. The books have been balanced and ruled off in conformity with this statement.
 You will observe that the large items of expenditure were practically incurred for the benefit of the last convention and in various ways up to August last, since which time the total cost of carrying on the business of the association has been under four hundred (\$400) dollars, or less than seventy (\$70) dollars per month; this including all expenses and the cost of calling you together to this convention.
 I estimate that the cost of conducting your business in future on a sound and satisfactory basis will not exceed one hundred (\$100) dollars per month.
 All of which is respectfully submitted.
 H. MORTIMER-LAMB.
 Balance Sheet, Made Up to 24th Feb., 1904.

Item	Amount
Office furniture	\$ 75 00
One new Remington typewriter	120 00
8,000 copies Con. Proceedings at 5c.	400 00
Cash on hand	878 03
Balance of liabilities over assets	292 29
	\$1,765 32
Liabilities.	
Bank of Montreal, loan	\$ 850 00
Interest accrued (estimated)	100 00
T. R. Casack, balance Con. Pro.	308 92
C. P. R. telegrams	116 50
Office rent	45 00
Times P. & P. Co.	29 25
H. P. McEwen	75 00
Kamloops Standard	4 00
A. M. Jones, salary, 5 1/2 months at \$40	220 00
A. M. Jones, office supplies and for notices of convention	30 95
	\$1,785 32
Distribution of Convention Proceedings (Details).	
To cost of printing (Casack)	\$1,098 92
To express charges	26 49
To shipping tag	75 00
To commissions on advertising (Potts)	30 00
	\$1,630 41
By sale 5,000 copies to provincial government	\$1,250 00
By sale 50 copies to J. B. Hobson	5 00
By Advertisements—	
Granby Co.	25 00
Hamilton Powder Co.	50 00
Schaw-Batchelor Co.	23 00
J. Hendy Co.	300 00
By balance, 8,000 copies on hand	211 03
	\$1,696 03

It was reported that two contributions had been received in addition to this, \$50 from J. B. Hobson and \$50 from E. B. Kirby. There had also been \$13 derived from the sale of procedures, against which \$8 stood for the services of the lady selling.
 A. J. Morley moved that a committee consisting of Messrs. Smith Curtis, Crossland, Kirby and McMillan be appointed to draw up definite suggestions for a more efficient working of the bureau of mines and report to this meeting.
 E. B. Kirby suggested that the matter be left to the executive committee. It would require time to formulate a plan such as was required. The executive committee in conferring with the government might ascertain first what would be wise to do.
 Mr. Morley withdrew the resolution on condition that the executive negotiate with the government on the subject.
 Mr. Kirby thereupon introduced a resolution to that effect as follows, which carried:
 "That the executive committee is instructed to confer with members of the government of British Columbia with the view of improving and assisting the efficiency of the bureau of mines.
 Proceeding to the resolutions passed at the convention last year, that favoring the repeal of the two per cent. tax came up for reaffirming.
 Mr. Hobson wanted the executive empowered to devise a substitute for the two per cent. The government looked to them to do this, and he thought it could be accomplished. He, therefore, moved that the matter of devising a substitute for the two per cent. be referred to the executive committee.
 This resolution carried.
 The following resolutions were reaffirmed:
 That the collection by the government of dues in Fraser and Bulkley and Bulkley used by the owner upon his own signals and for his own purposes should be discontinued.
 That the government be urged to immediately obtain all necessary information and advice from both miners and mine owners to amend the code of mine signals so as to make it as perfect as possible.
 Resolved, That it is the opinion of this convention that the law relating to tree miners' certificates should be amended so that failure to keep up a free miner's certificate shall not work forfeiture of rights acquired under it.
 The following resolution gave rise to some discussion:
 Resolved, That in the opinion of this convention the government fee for crown grant of a mineral claim when such grant is applied for by the locator or prospector, should be reduced from \$25 to \$10.
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IN THE NAME OF THE LAW.

The courts of civilized countries are institutions which must be approached with becoming reverence. The majesty of the law is inspiring, and the majesty of the law becomes more awe-inspiring as it recedes from the summary methods of historic times to the haughty deliberation which is characteristic of the legal procedure of the present day.

No doubt our learned brethren of the legal profession are aware of the fact that at intervals which appear to be growing more frequent there arise in communities blessed with the rich inheritance of the English legal procedure, for reforms in legal procedure. It is frequently asserted that the courts have departed very largely from the purposes for which they were established; that their machinery has become so complicated by centuries of additions as to no longer afford our justice swift and sure to all classes of people, but, on the contrary, that the law has become a vehicle for the oppression of the poor by the rich and for the enrichment of the attendants in the temple at the expense of litigants who are too stubborn to heed warnings that it is better to suffer a seemingly great wrong than to appeal to the throne of justice for redress.

At the same time there is general recognition of the fact that it is almost impossible to secure reforms from without and that it is hopeless to expect regeneration from within, the only quarter from which effective reforms can be instituted. And yet it is a moral certainty that some day there will be such a demand for reforms as cannot be resisted.

In the meantime it is gratifying to note that there are judges who try and try successfully, to throw off the professional gown and view legal proceedings from the standpoint of the public; who discourage such litigation as is initiated for the transparent purpose of bringing grief to the legal mill; who frown upon the works of the parasites who feast upon the weaknesses of the mentally ill-balanced class who have a penchant for the law. There have been such judges upon the bench in British Columbia. The names of DeGaris and Walker and Drake will long be honored in this land by laymen, chiefly because they were strong enough on occasion to brush aside petty technicalities, because they had no hesitation in sweeping away, when they considered it advisable to do so, clouds of legal subtleties, and to render decisions in accordance with principles of justice, which are eternal.

In British Columbia the judges who have done faithful, efficient service are laying aside their gowns and giving place to young men. While we must join in the note of admiration of all who revere the attributes of justice and integrity—maulness—in hoping that the day of retirement of Mr. Justice Drake is yet far distant, it is obvious that in the natural course of events the Supreme Court Bench must soon be occupied by men who have probably not yet reached the prime of life. Mr. L. P. Duff has succeeded Mr. Walker, his appointment being gazetted to-day. Mr. Duff is the third young man from Victoria to be called to a place on the Bench within a few years. We propose simply to congratulate him upon his appointment and to express the hope that his course upon the Bench will be as creditable to him as his career at the Bar has been. If the predictions of his friends are realized the country will have an abundant reason for congratulations in the future as the recipient of the great honor has to-day. If the young men who preside in the temple of justice continue in the course that has been set by the Chief Justice and his learned brethren the dissatisfaction that is sometimes expressed with the administration of justice will be heard less frequently. The Bench has the power to suppress many abuses; may it exercise its power to the limit.

For the benefit of present and prospective judges, lawyers and litigants we quote the following from the London Chronicle: "Many people drift into the Law Courts through sheer and stupid obtuseness; but it takes a very good judge to diagnose the case at once and to cure it on the spot. We must salute Mr. Justice Grantham as a very good judge. Before him appeared two brothers, partners in business, of whom the one, a citizen of renown. But they had quarrelled, and accused each other of fraud. However, the judge called them into his private room to talk the matter over. And in a few minutes the brothers had shaken hands, professed an unshaken faith in the honesty, each of each, and departed with the good wishes of the judge for their continued success in business. What a simplification and speed, and of justice is here suggested! In few cases, probably, is the array of counsel and pleadings and counter-pleadings, the long-drawn arguments and cross-examination really necessary. Ten minutes' talk with a really sensible judge would settle most quarrels."

THE SECRETIVE JAPS.

In common with every newspaper printed in the language of the predominant tongue, we regretfully express our disappointment with the course of Japan. The statements of the rising Oriental state not only executed a strategic move to keep the representatives of the press from viewing the first sea fight of the campaign, but they diligently suppressed all the information they themselves possessed of the affair, creditable as it was to the patriotism, astuteness and martial ardor of their countrymen.

Nor is that the sum of the nation's offending. The correspondents are gathered from the four corners of the world at Tokio, and there they seem destined to remain. Movements of tremendous importance are in progress, that is quite certain, and yet the only source of information upon the point of a news-thirsty world is completely dried up. The Japanese believe one of the prime requisites of success lies in secrecy, and darkness as black as doomsday surrounds all their movements. In any other country in the world the experienced correspondent would find a leak that would supply his hungry soul with information. The Jap is sealed as tight as the air tanks in his active torpedoes.

When the time comes to announce that an important movement has taken place and the results of it, the facts are published in a matter of fact official way in a few curt words. For example, nearly a week after the event the world is told that the great battle at Port Arthur in which the Russians were first reported to have sunk six Japanese warships was merely an attempt to block the channel leading to the harbor with old hulks, and that the attempt was successful.

Information picked up from travellers returning from various parts of Manchuria and Korea indicates that the Japanese fleet is not the only active agent at work. The land forces are moving, but the direction in which they are going and the objects of their movements must remain for the present locked up in the secret places of the undivulged Japanese official breast. We cannot do anything about it. One of these days we shall receive news from Russian sources that an attempt to take Port Arthur or Vladivostok from the land side has been frustrated. Possibly it may be conceded that the Russians have temporarily withdrawn into the interior as a matter of courtesy to their childish, impatient, heathen enemy. But only by accident will it be possible to learn the whole truth before officialdom condescends to make it known.

We are surprised that a nation which is remarkable for the courtesy of its manners in times of peace should so hurriedly assume the role of barbarian in time of war. The chief attraction of the war to the newspaper man lies in its possibilities as a creator of news. The up-to-date journalist prefers to serve his "good stuff" up hurriedly and hot. For that reason, the conduct of the Japanese is indefensible. The correspondents will look to Russia for facilities to pursue their business, and some day the Japanese will be sorry.

AN ASTOUNDING CONFESSION.

We thought for a moment we were dreaming when we read a statement by a prominent American manufacturer to the effect that the Scotch, the Irish or the English laborers in the shipyards of Great Britain can do 60 per cent. more work with the same tools and in the same time than can be done by American shipyard workers. It seems strange after the predictions of a year or so ago that the United States was on the point of driving the other great industrial nations out of business. And yet the statement has been made by a Mr. Downey.

"It has cost me \$500,000 in the last five years in addition to gray hairs to find it out. I spent \$80,000 in purchasing the best tools, in acquiring knowledge of methods in Glasgow and tried for three years to show American workmen by doing piece work they could accomplish more. They would not see it, and the shipping interests suffered. In turn the laborers have suffered, thought the weekly pay rolls have been increased." The cause of this outspokenness seems to have been a demand by some labor organizations for a legal work, day of eight hours. The manufacturers are resisting this demand. They say they are too severely handicapped as it is; that the tariff has been too stimulative and has resulted in over-production, that a market for the surplus must be found abroad, and that the conquest of foreign markets

cannot be achieved unless the goods can be produced upon terms of equality with competitors. A remarkable story, truly, to proceed from a country for which we are told a high tariff is doing such remarkable things. The United States is blessed with the "most adequate protection that has been," and yet it is threatened with a severe depression, and it must in its home labor market meet the conditions which prevail in a free trade country like Great Britain. With our protectionist friends confess that there is a happy medium in fiscal matters and that the Laurier government has hit it?

Mr. Justice Duff may be relied upon to cherish the honorable traditions of the Bench and to hold the scales of justice with an even hand. We have no doubt he will also keep diligently in view the fact that the courts were primarily created for the benefit and convenience of the public. The Bar is an admirable institution, and while we are not familiar with the history of its development, we surmise that in its original state it did not dominate the Bench and that in some of its present day manifestations it is in need of suppression.

Poor humanity is trying all sorts of experiments in these latter days of dreamers. And it is not making great headway. The Compulsory Arbitration Act of New South Wales has not been as successful as it might have been if it had been made to serve the cause of any other creature than unreasonable man. Some unions sought the court's offices and the result was a reduction of wages, which they refuse to accept. They are liable to be imprisoned, but they say there are not enough jails in the country to hold them.

The London Chronicle says although the woman candidate in Victoria for a seat in the Commonwealth Senate did not realize her ambition, she polled considerably more votes than was generally anticipated. The final figure gave Miss Vida Goldstein 51,000 votes, a number that is certainly calculated to encourage her to try again. Some thirty thousand more would have given her a seat, or at least enabled her to test the question whether a woman can be a member of a British parliament.

The Ross government of Ontario obstinately retains its "adequate majority" of three. The second division, taken last night, showed the standing of the parties to be 47 to 44.

WORK AMONG INDIANS.

To the Editor:—In reply to the letter of S. Bartlett, the would-be missionary to the Indians at Port Simpson, a letter which appeared in yesterday's paper, would you kindly grant me space sufficient to correct the false impressions of the writer, and thus perhaps prevent others from inconsistencies which might result from the acceptance of such impressions.

In the first place, I think it very unwise to take a cut-and-dried plan for a church building at Port Simpson before he has made a thorough investigation of the conditions there. The population of the village is but seven hundred, while the Methodist Missionary Society have a church there with a seating capacity for eight hundred, and the Salvation Army a hall to accommodate two hundred more. Missionary work has been carried on at Port Simpson for forty years, involving an expenditure of \$300,000, or about \$8,000 annually, besides the cost of the missionary plant, which cost tens of thousands more. Your reader need not be surprised when I say that there are no heathen Indians in Port Simpson and that Mr. Bartlett can never hope to be a pioneer missionary in that locality. His little hymn seems utterly inappropriate here.

"Shall we whose souls are lighted With wisdom from on high, To these poor souls deny? The Lamp of Life deny?"

And besides, understand the Seventh Day Adventists are already represented in Port Simpson by Elder Davis, who has succeeded in re-baptizing a couple of the Indians to be re-baptized according to this new faith and to keep Saturday instead of Sunday for the Sabbath. Indeed, he has them so thoroughly trained already that these two Indians, heretofore utterly ignorant, now very religiously saw their wives and split it while all the other Indians are going to church. Now, Mr. Editor, what a modern Babel Port Simpson would become if half of its inhabitants were induced to worship on Saturday and then break the law all day Sunday trying to disturb their fellow-citizens who are going to church. Ship of God, for a cross-cut saw may be heard over the entire village of 100 houses.

Mr. Bartlett says: "My purpose is to instruct a few of themselves (as did John Duncan) to carry the truth to all the tribes." I presume he means William Duncan, the pioneer missionary of Metlakatla fame. Mr. Duncan has been engaged in missionary work among those Indians for forty-seven years, and if Mr. Bartlett admires his work so much why not consult him as to the advisability of his proposed scheme before asking us for subscriptions. Mr. Duncan and his Indians once took just such a religious and zealous intruder as Mr. Bartlett by the arm and led him to the beach, placed him in the canoe in which he had arrived and bade him a vigorous goodbye. S. S. OSTERHOFF.

EDUCATION AND TAXES.

To the Editor:—Your correspondent "Parent" evidently misunderstands my views, and no doubt unintentionally, put a most misleading interpretation on my communication. The average annual increase in the number of pupils attending the public schools between the years 1883 and 1900 was about 84. Between the years 1900 and 1903 this average annual increase has fallen to 45, and this you will understand is distributed over ten schools. My contention is that, even this apparent nominal (and reducing ratio

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of increases in the number of pupils attending these schools is fictitious, and is due to the retention age of a still greater number of pupils, on the rolls, who are over the statutory age of sixteen.

The pupils are, if anything, decreasing in number but increasing in size. I contend that before the taxpayers vote further funds for increased accommodation (and also the increased number of teachers which will surely follow later) the board should comply with the school act and limit the age at which pupils receive accommodation and tuition free to fifteen, or at the utmost sixteen. I do not for a moment suggest the exclusion of pupils above that age, but I do contend that after that age they should contribute their share of the actual cost of the accommodation and tuition they receive, and not absolutely block the way of those who are more entitled to it.

Remember, at the age of 15 they have already enjoyed the privilege of accommodation and tuition in the public schools for nine years, and if there is any intelligence in the pupil it will have developed itself by that time, at any rate to the extent demanded by his circumstances. Any amount of retention in the school is a public hindrance to the advancement of others. If, on the other hand, the pupil is an apt scholar and has before him or her a fair chance for using his or her superior intelligence, it is surely reasonable that they should take sufficient interest in themselves to shoulder their share of the obligation that advances their own personal welfare. The question of the ever increasing demand for money, more money for educational purposes, is not local but provincial. Those who seek to advance in the face of life must be prepared to do their own running and not ask the taxpayers to find them in school. They themselves will be better for the discipline; they will be stronger and more self-reliant and better able to hold their own in the battle of life. THOS. C. SORBY. Feb. 20th, 1904.

AN EXPLANATION.

To the Editor:—In your report of yesterday morning's session of the Provincial Mining Association's convention, in connection with my remarks on the adverse criticism of the provincial mineralogist, you published the following: "On his proceeding to make more serious charges of fraud against the men who, he said, were opposing Mr. Robertson, objection was raised to this, and Mr. Jacobs ceased from pressing this point." This is, in part, an incorrect statement. What I did say was that a representative of the Chicago mining journal who, after a visit to Poplar Creek, had published criticisms unfavorable to the provincial mineralogist had previously been imprisoned in the Nelson jail for fraud. This is an entirely different thing from imputing fraud to "the men opposing Mr. Robertson." E. JACOBS. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 20th, 1904.

PRACTICAL PATRIOTISM.

Nine-Year-Old Japanese School Boy Contributes Twenty-Five Yen to War Fund. As an indication of the intense patriotism and enthusiasm which pervade every section of the Japanese populace from the highest to the humblest, the old and young alike, a letter recently written by a nine-year-old school boy in Nagaya, Japan, to the finance minister will be read with interest. It was published in the vernacular papers of Japan, copies of which were received by local subjects of the Mikado the other day. Mr. Ishii, of this city, has kindly translated the letter into English for the Times. It is as follows: Nagaya, Jan. 27th, 1904. Baron A. Sone, the Finance Minister: Dear Sir:—Enclosed I beg you to accept the 25 yen for the war fund. This is all

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Secretary Cuthbert, of the Tourist Association, will give his popular illustrated lecture, "A Tour Through Western Canada," in the James Bay Methodist church next Wednesday evening in aid of the church funds.

Geo. Riley, M. P., and Mrs. Riley left last night on the Charmer en route to the East. They will visit various points in Ontario before Mr. Riley resumes his duties in the House of Commons at Ottawa on March 10th.

Fire, Life, Marine Accident Agency, The Liverpool and London & Globe (Fire) Insurance Company, The Travelers' Life & Accident Insurance Company, The St. Paul (Marine) Insurance Company, Lloyd's Underwriters, London; Atlantic S. S. Tickets, Office Wellington coal. Hall, Goepel & Co., 100 Government street. Telephone call No. 83.

Dr. S. G. Clemence has disposed of his handsome residence on Richmond avenue to Mr. Hall, of this city, who has also acquired the adjoining lot from Mrs. J. W. Moore. Dr. Clemence contemplates in the immediate future erecting a handsome dwelling on Linden avenue, where he will reside. It is understood that the purchase was effected by Messrs. Grant & Conyers.

To-day the visiting delegates to the Provincial Mining Association, accompanied by a number of citizens of Victoria, are inspecting the mines at Mount Sicker. Through the courtesy of the E. & N. Railway Company a special train was placed at the disposal of the party, leaving the city promptly at 8 o'clock. There were two coaches containing about 60 passengers. They will return to the city this evening.

Last evening His Worship Mayor Barnard entertained at dinner officers of the Provincial Mining Association, the aldermen and the heads of civic departments. There were present John Keen, president of the Mining Association; J. B. Hobson, D. W. Higgins, Roland Machin, A. C. Hall, (Rossland), Ad. Grames, Ald. Fell, Ald. Beckwith, Ald. Oddy, Ald. Stewart, City Barrister W. J. Taylor, City Solicitor Bradburn, Jas. Raymer, W. J. Dowler, C. H. Topp, T. Watson, M. Hutcheson and J. M. Langley.

How many know whence Deadman's Island, just above Point Elliot bridge, derived its name? Old timers say that the name arose through the fact that it was in the boughs of the trees which formerly covered the island that the populous Songhees suspended their dead. One summer afternoon a fire broke out on the island burning the trees and their funeral trappings, and leaving the island bare and uninviting as it is to this day. The Indians were highly incensed at the outrage to the resting place of their dead, and vain efforts were made to locate the originators of the conflagration. The unwritten history of the affair and the facts connected with the episode are set out in an intensely interesting sketch, reminiscent of the old days in Victoria, which will appear in to-morrow's issue of the Times. It is from the pen of one of the early settlers, and will be illustrated with old street and fort views.

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—The police intend rigidly enforcing the street by-law in regard to the accumulation of rubbish on the thoroughfares and in empty lots. A batch of summonses have already been issued.

—Moir's marmalade 15 cent jars and the 5 lbs. tins, jam or jelly, at 45 cents, are moving rapidly. Secure some from Erskine's grocery before they are all gone. Telephone 100, corner Johnson and Quadra.

—In the city of Victoria, at the residence of Rev. W. Leslie Clay, yesterday, Rev. E. G. Taylor, of Alberni, celebrated the marriage of Mr. Alfred Westberg and Alice Winifred Johnston, both of Seattle.

—There was another interruption in the mail service of the C. P. R. yesterday, due, it is believed, to a heavy fall of snow in the mountains; the result being that yesterday's train, according to reports received at the local post office, was eleven hours late.

—E. B. Shaw, of this city, has had a trial shipment of ore brought from his mine on the Alberni canal for smelting at Ladysmith. The ore was brought down by the Queen City and transhipped from here to the Tye smelter. It was taken from the Constitution mine.

—Lieut. Col. Hall delivered a lecture last night before the new officers of the Fifth Regiment at the drill hall. It is the intention of the commanding officer of the regiment to give the young officers a chance to prepare for the regular classes next month. He will therefore give this series of Wednesday evening lectures.

—A young woman who was confined at the police station owing to insanity made things interesting for the detective's department yesterday afternoon. She attempted to climb up a water pipe and broke it. In a few minutes the detectives' office directly below became flooded, and the sleuths had to beat a retreat.

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—Sheriff Richards gives notice that under a writ of fieri facias, issued out of the Supreme court in the action of the Pacific Towing & Lighterage Company, Ltd., v. Frank W. Morris, he will offer for sale on Wednesday next, at 11 o'clock, in front of his office, court house, Bastion street, 20 shares in the Federation Brand Salmon Canning Company, Ltd. (lby), or a sufficient number thereof to satisfy the writ and costs; the said shares standing in the books of the company in the name of Frank W. Morris on February 18th, the date they were seized by the sheriff.

—A recent arrival from Ardu says that plenty of work is there going on, and a good many of the smaller claim-operators are wintering their gravel as they go, with very good results. A syndicate has secured from the French company, represented by E. James De Lanar, a lease of some of the ground they own on Boulder. Winter work has been pushed, and a steam hoist put in to raise the dirt. Very good luck has followed the operations of this syndicate, one cleanup having netted them \$1,500. They had the luck also to strike the pay-streak when they sunk to bedrock.

—In the course of his conversation with the Times on Wednesday afternoon, Baron Suymatsu, the Japanese statesman who is en route to London to negotiate a war loan, expressed some apprehension of Chinese interference in Manchuria. He said that there was a possibility of the Chinese giving the Russians considerable trouble along the railroad line. He hoped, however, that this would not occur, for it would likely embroil other powers, and this was what Japan desired to avoid. The Mikado's government, therefore, had urged the Pekin authorities to restrain the ardor of their countrymen.

—The final game of the first round of the shuffle tournament in connection with the Young Men's Christian Association was played off last evening between W. B. Fisher and W. Kinsey and C. Bate and P. Sherritt. After a close contest the former couple won by a score of 10-20, 20-18, 20-15. The first game was won by Bate and Sherritt, and the last two by Fisher and Kinsey. The second round is scheduled to be played as follows: Whyte and Lorimer vs. Dr. Hall and Dunn; E. Middleton and E. B. Jones vs. A. E. Jones and L. Wilson; Kinsey and Fisher vs. J. Middleton and Hosking; J. Brown and Pendray vs. Dickenson and Hosking (L). These matches must be played off before March 2nd. A series of games are being played at the North Ward Athletic Club rooms this evening between teams representing the Y. M. C. A. and N. W. A.

COMPLETES COLD AND STORMY TRIP

RAMONA HAD ROUGH TIME ON LYNN CANAL

Officers Broke Windows of Pilot House in Order to See to Navigate Ship.

Passengers in furs, who have just emerged from temperatures ranging from ten to sixty below zero, arrived from the north this morning on the Pacific Coast steamer Ramona. A few days ago they passed through one of Alaska's most frigid atmospheres.

When the Ramona entered Lynn canal on her way north it was blowing so cold and so hard that to proceed was an impossibility, and the steamer headed back for Juneau, and spent all one day and night there. Next day the voyage to Skagway was resumed. The canal was found impassable, but the progress being made, the sea was still rough, and a heavy snowstorm, the heaviest the officers ever encountered in the north, added to the difficulties of navigation. As the water broke over the ship coatings of ice were formed, until finally the windows became so covered that they had to be smashed on all sides of the pilot house before the officers could see where they were going. Ice formed on deck over a foot deep. The masts, as high up as the rigging goes, looked almost like huge inverted icicles. All around the ship ice had formed until the lines of the vessel had been almost lost sight of. Fortunately there were few travelling on the steamer, and at Skagway there were a comparatively small number of passengers to embark. They included a number just out from Dawson, and who, while having made the journey in eight days, reported very cold experiences.

On the return trip of the Ramona stoppages were made at all the Alaskan ports of call. The over due Al-Ki, for which there had been some anxiety, was seen this side of Douglas island, where she had been making her winter quarters. At Ketchikan an interesting party of Indians came aboard. They were in charge of David Field, to whom has been delegated the work of making a collection of northern curios for an Alaskan village, to be erected at the St. Louis exhibition. In this exhibit there are many totem poles, Indian houses, war canoes, Indian implements of all kinds, dresses, etc. The natives constituting the party all speak English well, and are among the most intelligent of their race that could be found. They will have the responsibility of erecting the village.

The Ramona has in her hold a quantity of a third gusher having been struck in the Kayak oil fields. Reports received by the Alaska Commercial Company's steamer Bertha at Skagway state that the flow was developed in one of the wells of the McKenzie-Mann syndicate, which is operating under a lease from the Alaska Development Company. The flow, which was struck in an oil sand formation at a depth of 900 feet, spouted 70 feet into the air. It is declared to have been stronger than either of the two previously discovered gushers. The first gusher found in the district was the Alaska Development Company's property.

On her return to the Sound the Ramona will again resume her Vancouver and Seattle service, and the Cottage City, which she has been relieving, will be ready to go north to-morrow.

DEATH AT SEA.
 The sad news has been received from Honolulu of the death of Mrs. Grant, wife of the commander of the barque Ivanhoe, which it will be remembered was here last year with cargo for this port. On the voyage from Iquique for Honolulu the deceased died of heart disease, the death having occurred when the vessel was but five days out from port. Her remains were taken to Honolulu, and have there been interred. Mrs. Grant is well known in Victoria; she has a number of relations living here. She joined her husband when the vessel was here, and has since been making a tour of the Pacific with him.

NEGOTIATING A PURCHASE.
 Rumors are current in marine circles on Puget Sound that representatives of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company have been in the East for some time past negotiating for the purchase of several steamers from New England ports for use on the Pacific Coast, including the St. Croix of the Eastern Steamship Company's International Line, running between Boston, Portland, Eastport and St. John. It is understood that the sale will soon be made and that the St. Croix will leave this spring for the Pacific.

WILL BUILD BREAKWATER.
 The building of a large breakwater at Sidney is shortly to be commenced. It will be recalled that at the last session of the Dominion House an appropriation was set aside for this purpose, a breakwater being deemed a necessity for the protection of shipping at that port from the heavy southerly gales, which sweep in there with unbroken fury. The ferry steamer Victoriana, less than a year ago suffered greatly in this way, and it was thought for a time that she would have to make her headquarters on the Fraser. Protected by a breakwater, however, the harbor is a splendid one. Messrs. Julius and Henry Brethour of Saanich have secured the contract for getting the piles necessary for the work, and are at present obtaining them on Mayne Island.

MARINE NOTES.
 The sealer Zillah May sailed for down the coast yesterday to ship her Indian hunters, preparatory to following up the seal on the southern coast.

Arrivals from Chilliwack bring the information that the little stern wheel steamer Minto, plying between Harrison

and Chilliwack, carrying mails and passengers, sank to the bottom of the Fraser on Sunday. Maritime passengers to and from are travelling by canoe.

Steamer Hylades is due to-day from the Orient. She will have a considerable freight to discharge here.

Steamer Queen City is expected back from West Coast ports to-morrow.

—There were no cases in the police court this morning.

—News has been received by the naval authorities of the arrival at Panama to-day of H. M. S. Shearwater.

—A grand recital will be given at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church on Tuesday evening next, for which an excellent programme has been arranged. More particulars will be given out later.

—The Pollard Company presented the opera "Donizetti" last night before a well-filled house. The principals and chorus creditably filled the parts assigned to them, strengthening the impression created by them in previous performances.

—A handball tournament for the double championship will be held in the J. B. A. A. club house next month. Entries will be received up to March 6th. It is expected that the best exponents of the game in the city will be among the competitors.

—The government has decided upon a course in connection with the department of mines which it is believed will work to the benefit of the interests affected. It is the exchange of territories now administered by the inspector of coal mines. Thus, Michigan, of Nanaimo, will be sent to Ferris, and the Dick will move to Ferris from Nanaimo.

—Messrs. A. & W. Wilson, of Broad street, are testing the new hard coal recently discovered at Comox. It has been found to be splendid fuel, partaking of the character of anthracite. It burns freely with a good draught, particularly in hot heaters, and throws off no smoke or gas to any extent, thus proving a boon to householders who are troubled with soot choked flues. Actual test showed that it will hold fire over night. It burns slowly and with intense bluish flame. Mr. Dunsmuir inspected the test yesterday, and expressed himself thoroughly satisfied.

—Through the efforts of Trustee Mowat the school board has decided to have complete fire alarm systems installed in all schools of over two stories. As the high school is already equipped this means that the Boys' and Girls' Central, the South Park and the North Ward schools will have to be supplied with alarms. Mr. Mowat explains that the teachers or pupils in any of the classrooms of the schools mentioned will hereafter be able to alarm the whole building at a minute's notice. Bells will not be used, it being considered that "buzzers" will give better satisfaction.

—Most housekeepers are thinking about the semi-annual clean-up, when things get put into good shape after a few days of topsy-turvy-furniture recovered perhaps, a pair of curtains here, a new rug there, a bit of linoleum in another place and so on. Before mapping out their plan of campaign they should look over Messrs. Fletcher Bros.' great establishment, and see the latest in everything pertaining to the beautifying of the home. Their large experience is at the service of anyone who wish to avail themselves of it, and for profession of choice in all selections they stand at the head of western furnishing houses.

—Another batch of 35 applications were received from prospective members at last Wednesday night's meeting of the Eagles, making in all 133 applications received by the local order in the two weeks between February 10th and 24th. Of that number 67 have been taken into the order, and a special meeting has been called at which the remaining 65 will become members of that great brotherhood. Officers of the order say that before the end of the present month they expect to fully manage will apply for admission, making a total of 150 new members in less than three weeks, a record never before attained by any local fraternal society without an open charter.

—Japanese passengers and members of the crew of the steamer Iku Maru, which arrived here on Wednesday, were highly delighted with the good news received here of the progress of events in the Far East. Even Baron Suymatsu, the Japanese statesman who arrived en route to London to negotiate a war loan, could hardly restrain exuberant feelings. Late at night as the ship lay at the outer wharf there was an informal gathering of the Mikado's subjects on deck, and the greatest excitement prevailed. The baron entered into the spirit of the occasion with the same enthusiasm as the others. He was master of ceremonies for the time being, and put his fellow passengers through a most interesting drill. When the command "charge" was given the Japs rushed forward on the spacious deck, over all obstructions, stopping only at the upper railing of the steamer.

—The orange tea and concert held last evening at the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home, Esquimalt, was an unqualified success. The ladies displayed great ingenuity in the variety of ways arranged in the peeling being saved and used for decorative purposes. Supper was enjoyed by a large crowd, after which a programme arranged by three ladies—Mrs. Warren, Miss Giffin and Miss Nicholson—was rendered. Mr. Bird, of H. M. S. Flora, gave an excellent vocal selection, and as an encore rendered "Delany's Chickens," a comic piece which created much amusement. A vocal selection given by Mr. Gray followed by a song by little Miss Kirk, entitled "You Tell Me Your Dream and I'll Tell You Mine." This was loudly encored, and "What Would You Take For Me, Papa," given in response, a vocal selection. "The Story of the King" also elicited much applause. "Tie Till Death" was given by Mr. Ward, Misses Deaville and Bishop and Wm. Hicks, of the Centennial church choir, each rendered a vocal selection. Miss Jordan and Miss Ethel Hicks acted as accompanists. The story committee wish to thank Messrs. Wallace and the Windsor Grocery for donations.

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BASKETBALL

JAMES BAYS WON.

Last evening an intermediate league match was played between the James Bay and the Y. M. C. A. teams. The game was well contested throughout, resulting in a win for the former by a score of 25 points to 13. In shooting the Bays were decidedly superior to their opponents, and it was because of this that they won out by such a large margin. There was little to choose between the opposing teams outside of this. Both were good at combination and quick at taking advantage of opportunities. Peden was the most prominent of the James Bay players. He scored no less than eight goals from the field, and also put in a free shot. Scoring was also done by S. Porter, N. Gowen and V. Gray. For the Y. M. C. A. boys Sopers played splendidly. He scored four free shots and worked hard all through the match. Jenkins and Dillabough put up a good game. T. Hutchinson acted as referee and Kolt. Peden was umpire.

J. B. A. A. v. V. W. A. A.
Next week a battle royal is looked for between the Victoria West and James Bay intermediates at the J. B. A. A. ground. The latter will make a strenuous effort to win, because it is only by a victory that they can tie with the V. W. A. A. for first place in the league. Needless to say, the Victoria West team is equally determined to win out, so that their unbroken record may be preserved all through the season. The standing of the league follows:

Placed. Won. Lost. Pts.

J. B. A. A.	5	4	1	8
V. W. A. A.	4	4	0	8
Y. M. C. A.	0	2	4	4
F. Y. M. C. A.	5	0	5	0

TO-MORROW'S GAME.

A senior league match will be played at the drill hall to-morrow evening between the Victoria West and Fernwood teams. Play will commence at 8:30. The Fernwoods are in good condition, and intend giving the V. W. A. team a hard game. Following are the teams:
F. Y. M. C. A.—Guards, Jones and Shotbolt; centre, Peden; forwards, Malchon and Dalby.
V. W. A. A.—Guards, Baker and Mantieth; centre, W. Fairall; forwards, C. Fairall and T. Crocker.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL

PROTEST DISALLOWED.

Last evening a meeting of the executives of the B. C. District Association Football League was held at the Y. M. C. A. rooms. There were present delegates from Victoria, Garrison, Y. M. C. A., Capital and Victoria West teams. The chair was occupied by Rev. W. W. Bolton, president of the association.

The first business introduced was the protest from the Capitals against the referee's decision in a championship intermediate match played last Saturday between Victoria West and the Capitals at Macaulay Point. Letters were read from W. A. Lorimer, of the Capital Association, and from J. G. Brown, who acted as referee on that occasion. These gave both sides of the question.

After some discussion it was decided that the protest could not be allowed, and the referee's action was upheld in every particular.

This decided all the city leagues. The senior cup goes to the Garrison, the intermediate to the Victoria West club, and the junior to the Capitals.

The question of securing medals for the players of the winning teams was also dealt with. It was decided to order them at once, and they will be presented at the annual meeting, which will be held between the 5th and 10th of March. The exact date will be decided upon by the executive.

VICTORIA v. COLUMBIAS.

To-morrow afternoon at the Caledonia grounds one of the provincial league games will be played between the Victoria and Columbia teams. The result is of the greatest importance to both teams, as the victorious team will be given a decided lead in the race for championship honors. A close and exciting match is therefore anticipated. The coat of arms, which have been imported from England, will be used for the first

DRILL HALL CONCERT.

Victoria West and Fernwood to Play Basketball To-morrow Night.

The extra attraction for to-morrow evening's promenade concert at the drill hall will be basketball, when the Fernwood players line up against the Victoria West team. This game is one of the city senior league series, and promises to be very interesting. The Fernwoods have been putting in some hard practice of late, and a vast improvement has been made in their shooting. They are confident of giving the Victoria West boys a hard run for a winning. This game will be played in the first part of the programme, and will commence at 8:30 o'clock.

The following excellent programme will be rendered by the regimental band:

- PART I.
March—Hawaiian Blend Frankenstein
Basketball—Victoria West v. Fernwood.
Caprice—Dance of the White Rats, Kamason
Basketball—Second Half
- PART II.
March—The Dandy Fifth Devil
Excerpts from John Bratton's Musical Comedy, Hodges, Lodge & Co. Arr. Mackie
Concert Value—Helm of Navarre. Recker
Two-Step—The Coquette Bohme
God Save the King.

CLOCK PLANT.

The clock plant is a native of Borneo, and in that country even it is said to be rare. The plant derives its name from its peculiar habits, which are known to but few who have not studied the plant from a scientific standpoint. The plant has leaves of two sizes, one of which acts in the capacity of a minute hand, which keeps moving until four o'clock in the afternoon, and the other leaves act as the hour hands. Starting in a position when all the leaves lie close to the stem, with the points hanging down, they rise gradually until they turn toward the top, and then they drop to their former position. It takes the smaller leaves about one minute to go through this performance, and the longer leaves just about an hour.—Melbourne Times.

AT BEACON HILL.

A friendly match will be played to-morrow afternoon between the Y. M. C. A. and H. M. S. Egeira teams. The game takes place at Beacon Hill, commencing at 3 o'clock. The Y. M. C. A. team follows: Goal, Lovetidge; full backs, Davidson and Sprogin; half backs, Connor, Northcott and Ritchie; forwards, Oakes, Wilson, Malbon, Abbott and Thompson.

RUGBY FOOTBALL

GAME POSTPONED.

The match that was announced to take place between the junior Central and Oak Bay teams to-morrow afternoon at the Caledonia grounds has been postponed. The game will be played instead on the first Saturday in March. This will be the third time these teams have met this season. On the two former occasions the Centrals were victorious by one try. Every effort will be made by the Oak Bay fifteen to turn the tables.

LACROSSE

DO NOT AGREE.

New Westminster objects to the proposed increase in the number of matches played each season. Referring to this question the New Westminster correspondent of the Vancouver News-Advertiser says:

"The local opinion regarding the move in Vancouver to have the lacrosse schedule for this season include more games than in the past, is that the move, especially by Vancouver, is a mistake. At the annual meeting of the B. C. A. L. A. in this city last April, the Vancouver delegates raised a most emphatic protest against being required to keep a team in condition as late in the season as October 2nd to play a schedule match in this city. Now if they were so desperately anxious to disband so early last season, why are they so anxious to extend the season this year?"

As far as the Westminster team is concerned, they are always in some sort of shape for a match, and it would not matter to them how many matches are to be played as long as they would not lose too much working time. They have enough trouble to make two trips a season to Victoria, and are not anxious to play four matches in the Capital City. Vancouver always gets on a high horse before the end of the season, and there is nearly always trouble to get the Terminal City team to play off the final games. An officer of the local club suggests that a series of exhibition matches between Westminster and Vancouver teams be played during the season, each team to put up \$2,000, as a guarantee that the engagements would be kept."

ROCKEY.

VICTORIA v. VANCOUVER.

At Oak Bay to-morrow a league match will be played between the Victoria and Vancouver ladies' teams. So far this season the local team has had the advantage, winning the only game played with apparently no difficulty. The contest to-morrow afternoon is expected to be close. For the past month the Terminal City ladies have been training, and they do not intend letting the championship slip through their fingers without an effort. The locals are confident. Play will commence at 3 o'clock promptly. While here the visitors will be entertained by members of the Victoria club.

THE HUNT.

REGULAR RUN.

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NOTICE.

A reward of \$150 each will be paid to any person or persons furnishing information which will lead to the arrest of Wong Lam Yuen, Wong Hong, Wong Sam, and Wong Suen, who are charged with the murder of Man Quat at Victoria, B. C., on the 31st January, 1904.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.

The reward of \$1,000 offered for information that would lead to the finding of David Ferguson, dead or alive, has been withdrawn this day by me.

J. M. LANGLEY,
Chief of Police.
February 5th, 1904.

NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that an application will be made by me to the Board of Licensing Commissioners, at its next sitting, for the transfer of the license now held by me for the sale of spirituous and fermented liquors by retail in the "Quineca" saloon, situated on Government street, between Johnson and Yates, to James Hoxe, of this city.

J. BARRETT,
Dated this 22nd day of Jan., 1904.

Notice to Creditors

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF EPHRAIM CHAMPOUX, DECEASED, INTERSTATE.

Take notice that pursuant to the order of the Honorable Mr. Justice Drake made herein the 10th day of February, 1904, John Cornelius Nelson was appointed administrator of the estate of Ephraim Champoux, deceased, late of the Hotel Metropole, in the City of Seattle, Washington, United States of America.

And take notice that all creditors of the said deceased are required on or before the 17th day of March, 1904, to send to the undersigned, post paid, particulars of their claims duly verified.

And notice is hereby given that said administrator will, after the said date, proceed to distribute the estate among the parties entitled therein, having regard only to the claims of creditors of whose debts or claims he shall not have received notice, and that he will not be responsible for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person or persons of whose debts or claims he shall not have received notice.

Dated February 17th, 1904.

J. K. NELSON,
Care Eberle & Taylor, Solicitors,
30 Langley St., Victoria, B. C.

NOTICE.

Revised Statutes, Canada, 1886, Chapter 92, and Statute 52, Victoria, Chapter 13.
PROPOSED RECLAMATION OF LAND AT THE PORT OF VICTORIA, B. C.

Notice is hereby given that, under and pursuant to the Revised Statutes of Canada, 1886, Chapter 92, and the Statutes of Canada, 52 Victoria, Chapter 13, the undersigned by petition dated this day have applied to the Governor in Council for approval of the area plan and site and the reclamation of certain foreshore and submerged lands adjoining or abutting on Lots 2, 3, 4 and 6, Block "A," Harbor Estate, Victoria, B. C. A plan of the said proposed works and a description by metes and bounds of the foreshore and submerged lands to be reclaimed has been deposited with the Minister of Public Works, and duplicates thereof have been deposited in the Land Registry Office at Victoria, B. C., Victoria, B. C., 17th February, 1904.

JOHN LLEWELLYN LEIGH,
SIDNEY MINTON LEIGH.

SYNOPSIS OF REGULATIONS FOR DISPOSAL OF MINERALS ON DOMINION LANDS IN MANITOBA, THE NORTH WEST TERRITORIES AND THE YUKON TERRITORY.

Coal.—Coal lands may be purchased at \$10 per acre for soft coal and \$20 for an acre of hard coal. Not more than 250 acres can be acquired by one individual or company. Royalty at the rate of ten cents per ton of 2,000 pounds shall be collected on the gross output.

Quartz.—Persons of eighteen years and over and self-sufficient competent holders of free miners' certificates may obtain entry for a mining location.

A free miner's certificate is granted for one or more years, not exceeding five, upon payment in advance of \$7.50 per annum for an individual, and from \$50 to \$100 per annum for a company, according to capital. A free miner, having discovered minerals in place, may locate a claim 1,000x200 feet by marking out the same with two legal posts, bearing location notices, one at each end, one on the line of the lot or vein. The claim shall be recorded within five days if located within ten miles of a mining recorder's office, one additional day allowed for every additional ten miles or fraction. The fee for recording a claim is \$5.

At least five acres shall be included in the claim each year or paid to the mining recorder in lieu thereof. When \$500 has been expended on a claim, the holder is deemed to have a survey made, and upon complying with other requirements, purchase the land at \$100 per acre.

Permission may be granted by the Minister of the Interior to locate claims containing iron and steel, and other minerals in the Yukon Territory, of an area not exceeding 100 acres.

The patent for a mining location shall provide for the payment of royalty on the sales not exceeding five per cent.

At least five acres shall be included in the claim, excepting the Yukon Territory.—Places mining claims generally are 100 feet square, and cost \$5.00 per acre. In the Yukon Territory, the former being 100 feet long and 200 feet wide, and the latter being 200 feet long and 100 feet wide. Where steam power is used, claims 200 feet wide may be obtained.

Dredging in the rivers of Manitoba and the N. W. T., excepting the Yukon Territory.—A free miner may obtain only two leases of not more than one acre each, for a term of twenty years, renewable in the discretion of the Minister of the Interior.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed or bars of the river below low water mark, and subject to the rights of all persons who have, or who may receive, titles or bars of the river, excepting the North Saskatchewan River, where the lessee may dredge to high water mark.

The lessee shall have a dredge in operation within one season from the date of the lease for each acre leased, where the lessee or company has obtained more than one lease one dredge for each fifteen miles or fraction of a mile, and one dredge for each mile of river leased. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent, collected on the output of each season.

Dredging in the Yukon Territory.—Sixteen acres of five miles each may be granted to a free miner for a term of twenty years, also renewable.

The lessee's right is confined to the submerged bed of bars of the river below low water mark, that boundary to be fixed by its position on the 1st day of August in the year of the date of the lease.

The lessee shall have one dredge in operation within two years from the date of the lease, and one dredge for each five miles within six years from such date. Rental \$100 per mile for first year, and \$10 per mile for each subsequent year. Royalty same as placed.

Placer Mining in the Yukon Territory.—Creek, gulch, river and hill claims shall not exceed 250 in length, measured along the base line or general direction of the creek or gulch, the width being from 1,000 to 2,000 feet. If other placer claims shall be made on the same claim, the width shall be 250 feet square.

Claims are marked by two legal posts, one at each end, bearing notices. Entry must be obtained within ten days, if the claim is within ten miles of a mining recorder's office. One extra day allowed for each additional ten miles or fraction.

No person or company staking a claim must hold a free miner's certificate.

The discoverer of a new mine is entitled to a claim of 1,000 feet in length, and if the party consists of two, 1,500 feet, and so on, on the output of which no royalty shall be payable.

Entry fee, \$10. Royalty at the rate of two and a half per cent, on the value of the gold shipped from the Yukon Territory to be paid to the Comptroller.

No free miner shall receive a grant of more than one mining claim on any separate river, creek or gulch, but the same claimant may obtain a number of claims by purchase, and free miners may acquire claims in partnership by filing notice and paying the same. A claim may be abandoned or otherwise disposed of on the same creek, gulch or river, by giving notice and paying a fee of \$10.

Work must be done on a claim each year to the value of at least \$200.

A certificate that work has been done must be obtained each year, and if the claim shall be deemed to be abandoned, and open to occupation and entry by a free miner.

The boundaries of a claim may be defined minutely by having a survey made and publishing notices in the Yukon Official Gazette.

Locuous Mining, Yukon Territory.—Locuous mining is hydraulic mining, having a frontage of from one to five miles, and a depth of one mile or more, may be leased for a term of twenty years, provided the ground has been prospectively by the applicant or his agent; is found to be unsuitable for placer mining; and does not include within its boundaries any mining claims already granted. A rental of \$150 for each mile of frontage, and royalty at the rate of two and one-half per cent, on the value of the gold shipped from the Territory are charged. Operations must be commenced within one year from the date of the lease, and not less than \$5,000 must be expended on the claim. The lease excludes all base metals, quartz and coal, and provides for the withdrawal of unoperated land for agricultural or grazing purposes.

Petroleum.—All unappropriated Dominion lands in Manitoba, the Northwest Territories and within the Yukon Territory are open to prospecting for oil, and the Minister may reserve for an individual or company having machinery on the land to be prospecting, an area of not exceeding 640 acres. The prospector discover oil in paying quantities, he is entitled to a claim of 640 acres, including the oil well and such other land as may be determined, will be sold to the discoverer at the rate of \$1.00 an acre, subject to royalty at such rate as may be specified by order-in-council.

Department of the Interior, Ottawa, Sept., 1903.

JAMES A. SMART,
Deputy of the Minister of the Interior.

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